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Customer No. 22,852  
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
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Masahiro TADA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2115  
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Application No.: 09/746,222 ) Examiner: Cao, Chun  
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Sir:

**AMENDMENT**

In reply to the Office Action mailed October 7, 2004, the period for response to which extends through January 7, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are discussed on page 2 of the paper.

**REMARKS** follow the **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** and begin on page 8 of the paper.